

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2003. Claims 1-18 and 30-34 are canceled. Only allowed claims 19-29 are now pending.

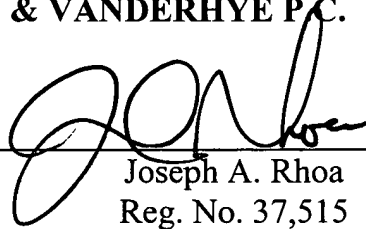
Since all pending claims have been allowed, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance.

If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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